

# Indiana House of Representatives

## News and Information

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### **CRAWFORD TO KICK OFF FOOD DRIVE SATURDAY AT LOCAL KROGERS**

INDIANAPOLIS – In an effort to build public awareness that hunger is a year-round problem, State Rep. William Crawford (D-Indianapolis), other city and state lawmakers, and two area Kroger stores are joining forces in a food drive to benefit the Community Alliance of the Far East Side and the Forest Manor Multi-Service Center.

**Starting at 1 p.m. Saturday (February 12), Crawford will make the first donation at a food drop at the Kroger located at 8939 E. 38<sup>th</sup> Street (corner of 38<sup>th</sup> Street and Post Road).**

**Then, at 2 p.m. Saturday, Crawford will make the first donation at a food drop at the Kroger located at 6108 E. 46<sup>th</sup> Street (corner of 46<sup>th</sup> and Arlington).**

Collection boxes will remain at both stores through Saturday, February 19. All donations collected at the 38<sup>th</sup> Street Kroger will be turned over to the Community Alliance of the Far East Side, while donations from 46<sup>th</sup> Street Kroger will be turned over to Forest Manor. Donated items must be non-perishable.

Joining Crawford in support of these food drives are State Sen. Billie Breaux (D-Indianapolis) and City-County Council Members William Oliver, Vernon Brown and Steve Talley.

"Citizens are often very generous during the holiday season in donating food to the hungry," Crawford said. "I think this food drive, keyed around Valentine's Day, serves as a good reminder that food is needed year-round for the hungry. I have great hopes for high participation in this endeavor to feed our community."

Crawford is one of several Indiana House members, Republicans and Democrats alike, who are helping sponsor food drives in their communities over the next week to 10 days in a campaign entitled "Have a Heart for the Hungry." When these drives conclude on February 19, food will be distributed to local food pantries, homeless shelters, inner-city after school programs and seniors on fixed incomes.

"It is natural for people to want to help the homeless and hungry in November and December," Crawford said. "Through this program, we want to make it clear to people that homelessness and hunger are problems that are faced throughout the year. In the spirit of the Valentine's Day season, I am hoping local residents will take part and give generously."

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